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Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Garballey), the members and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Roy of Franklin) congratulating Sergeant Lee A. Drake on celebrating his retirement for twenty-five years of dedicated service to the citizens of Franklin and his commitment to the Franklin Police Department; and

Lee
Drake.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Roy of Franklin) congratulating Carter Hudson Pomponio on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Carter
Pomponio.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

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From the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women (see Section 66 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) submitting its annual report for fiscal year 2021;

Status of
women.

From the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women (see Section 66 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) submitting a report on the Status of Girls in the Commonwealth and related recommendations;

Status of
girls.

From the Department of Transitional Assistance (see Section 5I(d) of Chapter 18 of the General Laws) submitting its prohibited items and locations report;

Prohibited
locations.

From the State Retiree Benefits Trust ("HST") Board (see Section 24(f) of Chapter 32A of the General Laws) submitting the approved budget for said board for fiscal year 2021;

Retirees
Benefits Trust
Board.

From the State Retiree Benefits Trust ("HST") Board (see Section 24(f) of Chapter 32A of the General Laws) submitting the approved budget for said board for fiscal year 2022;

Id.

From the Massachusetts Life Insurance Community Investment Initiative, LLC (see Section 2(e) of Chapter 259 of the Acts of 1998) submitting its annual report and statement of financial condition for the year 2020 [copies of said report were

Life Insurance
Community
Investment
Initiative.

forwarded to the committee on Ways and Means and the committees on Financial Services and Revenue];

From the Mandela Memorial Commission (see Chapter 1 of the Resolves of 2016) submitting a report outlining proposals and recommendations;

From the Office of the Child Advocate (see Section 12 of Chapter 124 of the Acts of 2019) submitting the Mandated Reporter Commission's final report;

From the Department of Public Health (see Chapter 227 of the Acts of 2020) explaining the status of two reports; and

From the Department of Children and Families (see items 4000-0051 and 4800-0200 contained in Section 2 of Chapter 227 of the Acts of 2020) submitting a biannual report from the Massachusetts Family Resource Center Network;

Severally were placed on file.

Mandela Commission.

Mandated reporters.

Department of Public Health.

Family Resource Center Network.

Report.

A report of the Department of Transitional Assistance (sunder Section 2(B)(o) of Chapter 18 of the General Laws) submitting a report entitled: Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children Work Participation Report [copies of said report were forwarded to the committee on Ways and Means and the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities], was placed on file.

Work participation.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Arciero of Westford and Senator Kennedy, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4076) of James Arciero and Edward J. Kennedy (by vote of the town) that the town of Westford be authorized to dedicate two parcels of land in said town for the Beaver Brook Road bridge improvement project; and

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4077) of William C. Galvin (by vote of the town) that the town of Canton be authorized to grant a right of way access easement across certain land in said town;

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Westford—
Beaver Brook
Road bridge.

Canton,—
land.

Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of William M. Straus for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Samantha Davignon, an employee of the Department of Children and Families; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Samantha Davignon,—
sick leave.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the Senate Bill authorizing the town of Westport to convey a non-exclusive access easement in a portion of town property at 493 Old County Road to benefit 497 Old County Road (Senate, No. 1357) [Local Approval Received], be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Westport,—
easement.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Authorizing the investment of town of Lunenburg library trust funds (House, No. 3727) [Local Approval Received];

Lunenburg,—
library funds.

Amending the charter for the town of Nantucket (House, No. 3792) [Local Approval Received]; and

Nantucket,—
charter.

Authorizing the city of Northampton to amend a certain conservation easement (House, No. 3900) [Local Approval Received];

Northampton,—
easement.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Ms. Gifford of Wareham, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill authorizing certain investments by the treasurer of the town of Groton (House, No. 3909) [Local Approval Received], be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Groton,—
investments.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

By Ms. Ehrlich of Marblehead, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill relative to the permanent intermittent police force for the city of Methuen (House, No. 2147) [Local Approval Received]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Methuen,—
police.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Christina Ruccio, an employee of the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department (see House, No. 3927), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

Christina
Ruccio,—
sick leave.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 4 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
enacted.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Revoking the town of Longmeadow's acceptance of a certain general law establishing a board of election commissioners (see House, No. 94); and

Bills
enacted.

Authorizing the town of Wakefield to employ retired police officers as special police officers (see House, No. 2714);

(Which severally originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Amending the Attleboro city charter by making all gender references therein gender neutral (House, No. 2169) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and

Third reading bills.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Tara Blodgett, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services (House, No. 4064) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Severally reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The House Bill relative to reprecincting (House, No. 3863), was considered, the question being on concurring with the Senate in its amendment.

Reprecincting.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported asking to be discharged from further consideration of the bill; and the report was accepted.

The House then non-concurred with the Senate in its amendment; and, on motion of Mr. Moran of Boston, asked for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches. Representatives Moran of Boston, Ryan of Boston and Dooley of Norfolk were appointed the committee on the part of the House. Sent to the Senate to be joined.

Conference committee.

Subsequently notice was received from the Senate that said branch had insisted on its amendment, concurred with the House in the appointment of a committee of conference; and that Senators Brownsberger, Finegold and Fattman had been appointed the committee on the part of the Senate.

Id.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next sitting.

At twenty-one minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Ms. Gifford of Wareham (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.